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MADISONVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS 8 MONTHS FOR POSSESSION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE - Madisonville Police Department Made Meth Bust

OWENSBORO, KY - **Jason Patrick Barnes**, age 28, of Madisonville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 7 years and 8 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for conspiracy to possess and distribute almost 12 grams of methamphetamine and possessing the meth with intent to distribute, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Barnes to 4 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Barnes pled guilty on March 6, 2007, to conspiring to possess methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

On August 24, 2006, at approximately 8:21 PM, the Madisonville Police Department used two confidential sources to make a controlled purchase of a small amount of methamphetamine from Jason Barnes. Barnes told the confidential source that he and Jonathan Wilson were going to get more methamphetamine from Paducah.

After Barnes and Wilson returned, officers sent the two confidential sources back to Barnes's and Wilson's residence. The confidential sources did not make a purchase, but informed the officers that Barnes and Wilson were getting ready to leave their residence with a

large amount of methamphetamine.

On August 25, 2006 at approximately 1:11 AM, officers conducted a traffic stop on Wilson and Barnes and arrested Barnes on an outstanding arrest warrant. Subsequent to the traffic stop and arrest, officers seized methamphetamine and \$930 cash from Wilson's pants. At the Hopkins County jail, officers recovered methamphetamine from Barnes's crotch.

Subsequent laboratory analysis found that the samples seized (from the controlled purchase, Barnes, and Wilson) total 11.047 grams pure methamphetamine, worth approximately \$1100.

Jonathan Wilson, a co-defendant in Barnes' case, pled guilty to the same charges on May 7, 2007 and is set for sentencing on July 31, 2007 at 9 a.m. before Judge McKinley.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison Sewell and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Madisonville Police Department.

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